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## ***What I Am Thinking About This Quarter:***

### **Where the “Rubber Meets the Road”**


A trite saying, to be sure, and probably overused. But when I think about it, I am thinking that the **really** important work gets done at the unit level. Perhaps a better adage would be “Many hands make light work” (originally from John Heywood’s *The Proverbs* [1546], Part II, Chapter V) because if each individual unit assumes and completes its responsibilities in a timely fashion, the entire organization – all the way up the chain of command through groups, wings, regions and CAP – the entire organization is ultimately successful. If each unit adheres to its budget and manages its finances appropriately, so will the wing, region, and CAP. If the unit completes its inventories on time the wing, region, and CAP itself will have completed this requirement. If each unit is in compliance with CAP regulations, then the wing, region, and CAP itself will be in compliance. If each unit demonstrates moral and character-building leadership, the wing, region, and CAP itself will reflect that character. If each unit abides by CAP Core Values that will be reflected up through the wings, regions, and CAP itself. If each unit treats its members with respect and builds sound minds, bodies, and characters, the members will flourish and personnel divisiveness will be overcome by teamwork and mutual support.

Thus the larger question becomes, “How is that accomplished?” I think I know, and you probably do too. Select unit commanders who have demonstrated the dedication, commitment, desire, and competence and leadership traits of integrity, knowledge, courage, decisiveness, dependability, initiative, tact, justice, enthusiasm, bearing, endurance, unselfishness, loyalty and judgment.

But it is not enough to only select those leaders. It is our responsibility as commanders to give them guidance on how to accomplish goals and become successful. However, setting goals for them is not sufficient. They must be given your full and unqualified support to accomplish all that you desire. It is your leadership that sets the example of how they should manage their units so that they will be successful. You must engage the management techniques of not only setting goals in accordance with CAP regulations, policies and procedures,

but you must give your subordinate leaders room to grow – that is, don't micro-manage their efforts to be successful; instead, support them in their efforts. Follow up with them to ensure they are on the path to success. Help them when needed; congratulate them when they succeed. Help them build an environment of teamwork within their unit; help make every member recognize his or her important contribution to the unit's success. Let them know that you are proud of their efforts.

And remember: you, as their superior, are also their shield to deflect the sometimes errant arrows shot in their direction. That does not mean you should expect less of them, but you are an integral part of building an environment in which they can succeed. Your responsibility is to accept more of the blame when things go badly, and to take less of the congratulation when things go well, by recognizing their efforts that brought success. Remember that at the unit level is "Where the Rubber Meets the Road."

**Frank A. Buethe,**  
Colonel, CAP 

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### ***Safety is Priority One***

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### ***How to Submit News Items for this Newsletter***

#### ▪ ***Which Articles Are Best?***

Ideally, articles should deal with a wing-wide event, preferably conducted in conjunction or coordinated with another wing (or better yet across regions).

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**Top:** (L-R) Congressman John Culberson, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Joseph Vasquez, Lt. Col. Jayne Pace, and Congressman Michael McCaul. *(Photos this Page: CAP National Headquarters)*

**Below:** Lt. Col. Jayne Pace accepts her replica of the Congressional Gold Medal from Maj. Gen. Joseph Vazquez.



### ***Texas Wing Member is Presented the Congressional Gold Medal***

*by Capt. Audrey Morrow, CAP, Texas Wing*

WASHINGTON – Lt. Col. Jayne Pace was honored for her selfless service to our country in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II, when she had taken part in the effort to protect the homeland against deadly German U-boat attacks.





**Above:** U.S. Representative Michael McCaul presents to Lt. Col. Jayne Pace an American flag that was flown in her name over the Capitol, as Cadet Airman 1st Class Josue Borges looks on.

**Below:** Jayne Pace is promoted to Lt. Col. as Lt. Col. Alfred Climie (left) and Lt. Col. Bob Beely assist on placing the new grade on her uniform. (Photos this page: Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing)

U.S. Representative Michael McCaul (10th district of Texas) authored a bill that recognizes Civil Air Patrol members for their contribution to the war effort. The still-living CAP members to be honored (about 40 of them) were presented a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony that took place in Statuary Hall at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 10, 2014. They were accompanied by numerous family members. The gold medal itself will remain on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution.

It is estimated that some 200,000 men, women and teenagers from all walks of life participated in Civil Air Patrol service during the war years, largely without recognition or reward.

Prior to the ceremony, on Oct. 15, 2014, Representative McCaul had paid a local tribute to Lt. Col. Pace by giving Civil Air Patrol members and friends an opportunity to participate in celebrating her dedication and lifetime of service. His first words to her were, "Thank you so much for your service. We're all so very proud of you." At that time, 1st Lt. Jayne Pace was promoted to Lt. Col., with Lt. Col. Alfred Climie and Texas Wing Government Relations Advisor Lt. Col. Bob Beeley affixing the new grade upon her uniform. The brief ceremony took place at the Katy

Veterans War Museum, a fitting venue located in Katy, Texas.

Lt. Col. Pace fought back tears when Congressman McCaul presented her with a United States flag that had been flown in her honor over the capitol building in Washington. After handing her the flag, he said, "Now you are immortal." In attendance were





**Above:** (L-R) Maj. Richard Lauterbach, Capt. Audrey Morrow, Maj. Steven Ernst, Lt. Col. Jayne Pace, and Lt. Col. Alfred Climie. (Photo: Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing)

members of Texas Wing, senior members and cadets of the Thunderbird Composite Squadron, clergy, and personal friends.

Lt. Col. Pace took center stage and told her story. She met and married John Forse while working at the Army Quartermaster Depot in San Antonio. Her husband had been in the Army Air Transport Command at the time. She traveled with him to many U. S. military installations. The military atmosphere inspired her with a strong desire to serve her country. During this time, she earned her pilot's license, sold war bonds, drove a Red Cross command car, and transported wounded soldiers to hospitals.

In 1944, Forse was transferred to New Orleans, where Pace joined the Civil Air Patrol. She was immediately put into service as a mission surveillance pilot. Her duties encompassed flying the Louisiana coastline to watch for German submarines, and maintaining surveillance of a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

There were very few women pilots in those days, and this caused some resentment among the men. In her CAP squadron, there was only one other woman assigned to duty. Pace flew a Piper J-3 Cub and a Boeing-Stearman Model 75. All pilots were required to fuel and pre-flight their planes, as well as fold their own parachutes. There was a standing joke, "You would not want one of the men to fold your parachute," she said.

Congressman McCaul laughed when Pace described the women pilots as being "Awesome babes with a 'can do' attitude." It is undeniable that women pilots provided an invaluable service to the war effort.

After the war ended, Pace devoted her time to raising a family. She re-joined Civil Air Patrol in 2007, is active in many community organizations, and serves as a historian at her home squadron in Houston, Texas.

Her story is an inspiration to both senior members and cadets, instilling in them a sense of patriotism and duty. 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe and New Mexico Wing Commander Col. Mark Smith open the conference by presenting the state of the region and wing, respectively. *(All photos: Lt. Col. Michael LeGendre, CAP)*

**Below Left:** Col. Mark Smith presents the Gill Rob Wilson Award to Maj. Chris Branan.

**Below Right:** Col. Mark Smith presents the Gill Rob Wilson Award to Maj. Ken Johnston.

### ***Joint New Mexico Wing / Southwest Region Conference***

*by Lt. Col. Alan Fisher, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

LAS CRUCES, N.M. – During Oct. 24–26, 2014, the annual New Mexico Wing/Southwest Region Civil Air Patrol Conference was held at the Ramada Palms Hotel in Las Cruces, N.M. Members from around the state as well as region and member wing commanders discussed operations affecting the CAP Search and Rescue mission as well as community



Aerospace Education activities.

Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe and New Mexico Wing Commander Col. Mark Smith presented the state of the region and wing, respectively. In addition, NHQ Director of





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Logistics Mr. Gary Schneider provided an update on CAP's national programs. Col. Smith presented several awards to highlight the accomplishments of wing members. The evening banquet, with Capt. Chris Medina acting as the master of ceremonies, was humorous and relaxed; the catered food was peppered with more accolades for outstanding service to the New Mexico Wing.

**Right:** Col. Mark Smith presents the Gill Robb Wilson Award to Maj. Mike Lee.

**Below Left:** Capt. Chris Medina (pictured) and Capt. Paul Kinzelman presented the breakout session on Resurrecting XP Computers.



**Bottom:** The flight simulator was a very popular display.

During Saturday, many seminars shared recent wing activities and updates including: Administration, Communications, Emergency Services, Operations, Personnel, Public Affairs, Safety, and Finance. Cadet Programs also had several interesting presentations as well as many other special topics. In most cases, region staff members were available to present the region/national view of each section, and how current and



planned changes would affect the wing.

Awards are always a wing conference's highlight. Earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award were Maj. Chris Branan, Maj. Ken Johnston, and Maj. Mike Lee. Maj. Roberta Himebrook was recognized for



her 30 years of service to CAP, and Lt. Col. Alan Fisher was presented a 20-year membership certificate. Lt. Col. Michael LeGendre was presented a Meritorious Service Award, and Commander's Commendation Awards went to Capt. Walter Dutton, Capt. Jane Lingenfelter, Maj. Ben Noyce, and Lt. Col. Jerry Wells.



**Right:** (L-R) SWR Director of Safety Lt. Col. John Kruger and Arizona Wing Commander Col. Brian Ready.

**Left:** Lt. Col. Beverly Vito accepts the N.M. Wing Squadron of the Year Award from Col. Mark Smith.



Guest speakers Mr. Ric Lambart, Mr. Don Shinnars, and Dr. Bill Gutman presented "Southern N.M. Aerospace – Then and Now" topics. These included the early use of air power in the punitive expedition against Pancho Villa (known as the Mexican Expedition of 1916-1917), the development of the TDRS Satellite system at White Sands Complex, and the current status and future of Spaceport America located in the Jornada del Muerto (Dead Man's Journey) desert basin of New Mexico.

During the banquet, Lt. Col. Beverly Vito accepted the New Mexico Wing Squadron of the Year Award on behalf of the

Albuquerque "Spirit" Composite Squadron.

Working groups were scheduled on Sunday, following a worship service. All were well attended.

As the event developed, Southwest Region staff members welcomed the chance to interact with their New Mexico Wing staff counterparts and other wing members.

The burden of planning and conducting the conference fell on the Las Cruces Composite Squadron members, who gave of their time and effort to ensure that the activity ran smoothly. In the end, everything went well, and all members look forward to going back to Albuquerque for 2015. 🇺🇸

**Right:** (L-R) New Mexico Wing PAO Maj. Dave Finley and Socorro Composite Squadron Deputy Commander for Seniors Maj. Dennis Hunter.





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**Left:** Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe presents outgoing Arkansas Wing Commander Doug Alexander with a Distinguished Service Medal

**Below right:** Col. Doug Alexander hands the Wing Colors to Col. Frank Buether, as he relinquishes command.

(All photos: Maj. Blake Sasse, CAP)

### **Col. Harrell Clendenin Is New Arkansas Wing Commander**

by Maj. Blake Sasse, CAP,  
Arkansas Wing

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – On October 18, 2014, at the Arkansas Wing headquarters in Little Rock, Harrell Clendenin was promoted to the rank of

Colonel and took command of the Arkansas Wing. In a ceremony presided by CAP's Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe, outgoing Wing Commander Col. Doug Alexander symbolically surrendered the Arkansas Wing colors to Col. Buethe, who in turn passed them on to Col. Clendenin.

In his private life, Col. Clendenin is president and chief pilot of Harrell Clendenin, Inc., an aircraft management and pilot service organization that he started after retirement from a 24-year career in hospital administration, serving at both the chief financial officer and president and CEO levels. He retired from the U. S. Army Reserve after 26 years with the rank of Lt. Col., following command





and staff assignments in military intelligence, infantry, and armor, as well as a Department of the Army detailed inspector general.

**Left:** Col. Frank Bueth hands the Wing Colors to Col. Clendenin symbolizing the latter's assumption of command of Arkansas Wing.

Col. Clendenin, who first soloed in 1968, has accumulated over 8900 hours of total flight time. He holds an FAA commercial pilot's license with instrument rating as well as instructor ratings with instrument for both single-engine and multi-engine land aircraft. Over the years, he has owned and operated a number of aircraft for his personal and business use.

Col. Clendenin, who has been a member of Civil Air Patrol for over twenty two years, is an advocate for aviation safety and is a Volunteer Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team, Lead Representative (FAAST) for the Little Rock Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) of the FAA. He serves on the Conway Regional Airport Advisory Committee Board and is currently involved in the construction of a new airport for the City of Conway. Prior to assuming command of Arkansas Wing, he has served as mission pilot, wing standardization and evaluation officer, director of safety, wing chief of staff, wing vice commander and check airman for Arkansas Wing. He is a graduate of the Civil Air Patrol Safety College conducted at Kirtland AFB, N.M. and is a member of several aviation organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (BBA) from the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Ark., a Master of Health Care Administration (MA) from Webster University, St Louis, Mo., and is a Graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He holds a Master Level in CAP's Safety Specialty Track, and has achieved Level V in CAP's professional development program.

Col. Clendenin is a native Arkansan, born and raised in Conway, Ark. He and Donna – his wife of 44 years – have two adult sons. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway.

At the end of the ceremony, Col. Bueth presented the CAP Distinguished Service Medal to Col. Alexander for his service as Wing Commander during 2010-2014, citing in particular the improvements made to the wing's financial condition and his service on the National Uniform Committee. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Cadet Senior Master Sgt. A.J. Augustine watches FiFi prepare for takeoff. *(All photos: Maj. Johanna Augustine, CAP)*  
**Below:** 1st Lt McNeil Allison takes the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a WWII bomber.

## ***Texas Wing Squadrons Support the Midland AIRSHO***

*by Maj. Johanna Augustine, CAP, Texas Wing*

MIDLAND-ODESSA, Texas – During Oct. 10-11, 2014, twenty-three Civil Air Patrol members from Lorenzo Cadet Squadron, Lubbock Composite Squadron, Tigershark Composite Squadron and Three Rivers Composite Squadron (all member units of Group I) worked on the bomber ramp during the Commemorative Air Force Airsho, held at the Midland International Airport in Midland-Odessa, Texas.

Group I members assisted the CAF marshallers and security staff by being their eyes and ears on the bomber ramp. Responsibilities were as diverse as the aircraft that participated in the Airsho. CAP members kept spectators from damaging irreplaceable aircraft, walking onto an active runway, and walking in front of aircraft that were taxiing out to the runway.



It wasn't difficult for CAP members to get caught up in the excitement of the Airsho. The ramp was awash in the sounds of WWII-era aircraft and the smell of aircraft fuel, and the excitement of adults and children that saw an airplane up-close for the first time carried over to the CAP team.

The highlight of working on the bomber ramp was getting to see *FiFi*, the only B-29 Superfortress still flying. Having the opportunity to hear the B-29 engines start, watching the propellers begin to spin one after the other, smelling the noisy smoke as it billowed out of the engine is a mesmerizing sight, making one wonder what it was like to see hundreds of these WWII aircraft getting ready for mission flights during the war.

The only thing better than getting to see these wonderful flying machines up close is to be allowed to fly in one; but this was not meant to be, at least for CAP members. So the next best thing is to be granted the opportunity to get into the cockpit of many of the rare, vintage aircraft. The pilots encouraged the younger (and not so young) members to climb into their aircraft as they explained the unique features of that particular plane.

These beautiful warbirds weren't just for display. As the noon hour approached each day, the real show began. CAP members sprang into action, clearing the ramp of spectators and picking up any foreign debris. Then, the well-rehearsed choreography of pilot and crew preparing the aircraft for take-off began.


Cadets and senior members lined the taxiway and watched the aircraft as they headed out to the runway. The ramp soon fell silent as the bombers disappeared into the distance.

As soon as they had disappeared from view, the reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor began. The silence gave way to the deafening roar of fighter aircraft and the explosion of simulated bombs near the runway. Everyone watched in awe as the fighters swooped and dipped, dropping their simulated ordnance.

As the fighters left the area, one could see in the distance the bombers flying towards the airport. They approached in a slow and steady flight, the engine noise increasing as they neared. As they flew over the audience, the rumble of the engines could be heard overhead and then gradually tapered off, as they once again flew over the horizon.

At the reenactment's conclusion, the bombers returned to the ramp and CAP members went back to their assigned duties. The skills of CAP members were truly tested during the weekend. From aerospace knowledge to diplomacy, everybody stepped up and handled themselves as true professionals.

"The CAF staff was so impressed by CAP's hard work, that they invited us back to work next year", Maj. Dave Augustine told the cadets. "And, they invited us back before day two of the Airsho had begun."

For over 20 years, the Civil Air Patrol and the Commemorative Air Force have forged a relationship by working together at the CAF AIRSHO. The first one was held in 1963, making it one of the oldest air shows in the country. This AIRSHO is dubbed "The Best Warbird Show in America." 



**Left:** CAP members not on duty kneel as an aircraft returns to the ramp so the pilot won't mistake those who aren't duty for a flight marshaller.



**Right:** (L-R) The Arizona Wing Aerospace team Lt. Col. Fritz Seifritz, Lt. Col. Raymond Johnson, 2nd Lt. Angelo Rossetti, Lt. Col. Pete Feltz.

**Below:** Lt. Col. Johnson helps a teacher with the flight simulator.

### **Arizona Wing Promotes STEM at the Annual 2014 Teachers Association Conference**

*by Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Rossetti, CAP, Arizona Wing*

PHOENIX – On November 7-8, 2014, over two hundred and fifty science teachers and administrators from all around Arizona came to the NAU Campus in Phoenix for the Annual Arizona Science Teachers Association Conference (AASTAC). During this event, the educators participated in workshops, lectures, and group presentations. They also visited an exhibit area where different booths were set up for them to learn about a variety of new technologies and activities that they can use in the classroom.

The main focus of this year's AASTAC was Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to learning that provides hands-on and relevant learning experiences for students. Civil Air Patrol promotes and supports Aerospace/STEM education, both for its own members and the general public. CAP's educational programs help prepare today's youth to meet the challenges of a sophisticated Aerospace/STEM society and understand its related global issues, especially as pertains to national security. CAP offers national standards-driven educational products that include a variety of K-12 books, modules, activities, and DVDs, all focusing on Aerospace and STEM Education.

CAP was one of the many organizations that were on display. The booth was staffed by Lt. Col. Fritz Seifritz, Lt. Col. Raymond Johnson, 2nd Lt. Angelo Rossetti, Lt. Col. Pete Feltz, and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Rossetti, all members of Arizona Wing. They talked to the administrators and teachers about the Civil Air Patrol's three missions: Aerospace Education/STEM, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. As teachers showed interest, CAP members shared with them printed information and links to the CAP national website.

CAP also had on display a flight simulator borrowed from Squadron 305. Teachers were given an opportunity to sit in the simulator's cockpit and take off in a Cessna 182. Their flight originated at Falcon Field, flew through the Arizona desert, required simple and advanced turns to the left and right, and ultimately returned to land at Falcon Field. Capt. David Roden and Cadet Rossetti helped guide the educators in operating the simulator.

"I am confident that many of the administrators and teachers who saw what CAP has to offer will become Aerospace Education Members," said Lt. Col. Feltz, the Arizona Wing director of aerospace education. "Doing so will allow them to be part of the many educators across Arizona who promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through CAP's Aerospace Education Program." 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Texas Wing Commander Col. Brooks Cima, Cadet Maj. Hunter Coolican, Group IV Commander Maj. Ric Walters and Squadron Commander Maj. Alyson White holding the Squadron of Distinction Award's banner and certificate.

**Below:** Cadet Tech Sgt. Martin Marquez bears the guidon with the new Squadron of Distinction banner attached.

*(Photos: Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP)*

## ***Texas Wing Unit Earns Southwest Region Squadron of Distinction Award***

*by Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing*



KATY, Texas – On Oct. 21, 2014, four flights of cadets and senior members stood in formation as Texas Wing Commander Col. Brooks Cima, and Group IV Commander Maj. Ric Walters presented Thunderbird Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Alyson White with a Southwest Region Squadron of Distinction (2013) framed certificate and gold banner. This award was given for outstanding performance in Civil Air Patrol programs.

The Squadron of Distinction is awarded annually to the top CAP composite or cadet squadron regionally and nationally for distinctive accomplishments in the cadet program during the preceding calendar year. The award is based on squadron strength, squadron growth rate, cadet achievement, cadet encampment attendance and cadet orientation flight participation.

Along with the Squadron of Distinction award presentation, each of ten squadron members received a Texas Wing Commander Challenge Coin in recognition of their dedicated service to the squadron. 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Louisiana Army National Guard Brig. General Joanne F. Sheridan with Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP.

## ***Louisiana National Guard General Speaks at Veterans Day Ceremony***

*by Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

NEW ROADS, La – On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2014, veterans were honored with a parade, ceremony and inspiring speech by Brig. General Joanne F. Sheridan, Louisiana National Guard's first female general. Peacetime veterans and veterans of all wars from WWI to Afghanistan were honored in a parade that featured vintage automobiles. A ceremony and performance by the Baton Rouge Bagpipers celebrated the service of our men and women in service to their country.

Brig. Gen. Joanne Sheridan, who was promoted to her current grade in 2012, gave an address recognizing all veterans who served and are serving our country. She said that military service was one of the "most notable acts a person can do for their country." Her speech focused on the contributions of military women in service to our country. She noted that Veterans Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, celebrates the end of World War I "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month."

Brig. Gen. Sheridan drew a contrast between actors and athletes who are famous and thought of as heroes for their talents and the true heroes who served our country. She said, "True heroism requires service to others, along with bravery, dedication, and sacrifice which are the measuring elements in those endeavors." Her address acknowledged the contributions of women which were often overlooked in the history books. She cited the actions of Molly Pitcher, also known as Mary Ludwig Hayes McCauley, who took her husband's place at cannon during the War of Revolution. Sheridan mentioned the first woman to receive the Medal of Honor, Dr. Mary Walker, for serving as Union Gen. Ambrose Burnside's assistant surgeon. Sheridan went on to

acknowledge the 35,000 women who served during World War I and the 400,000 who served during World War II.

She noted that 1,000 women served as Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) who were test pilots and ferried planes during World War II. She cited Barbara Jane Erickson London's remark that, "Flying seemed much more exciting than cooking a soufflé." London was the first ferry pilot to fly 8,000 miles in five days after four 2,000 mile trips. She is notable for having flown a variety of war planes, and achieved the maximum military pilot rating. "These are the stories of just a few of the women, heroes, who paved the way for the 358,000 women who now make up 16 percent of the armed forces." She noted that 280,000 women have fought the war on terrorism where 150 women have died and more than 800 have been wounded in action. She noted that since World War II, "Two have been awarded the Silver Star."

She said that only eight percent of women represent the military's top officer ranks but increasing numbers warranted promotion in the last ten years. Sheridan referenced Gen. Ann Dunwoody who is the military's first 4-star general, its highest rank. She noted that Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger is the Air Force's first 4-star general, and Vice Adm. Michelle Howard received her 4-star rating in 2013. "There are more than 1.8 million women veterans in this country. Throughout our history, women have demonstrated their patriotism and fighting spirit. Women have proven that the heart of a warrior is not limited by gender."

Brig Gen. Sheridan of the Army National Guard said 25,000 Louisiana National Guard members had "left the comfort of their homes and loving embrace of their families to deploy" to fight the war on terror. She also noted the contributions of 11,000 Louisiana National Guardsmen who serve our state during oil spills and such natural disasters as hurricanes and flooding.

Sheridan ended by saying, "I don't think it is presumptuous to say that we who still wear the uniform serve our country out of a profound sense of honor and duty and the understanding that the freedoms we have today were secured by those who came before us." "As the world changes around us and as our military evolves to meet tomorrow's challenges, one thing endures – the

dedication of our soldiers, our sailors, our marines, our airmen, and our coast guardsmen who will stand watch every day." She added, "We owe our veterans, the true heroes of this nation, our gratitude and support." She continued, "I ask you to commit yourself to recognize [veterans], let them know their service is appreciated by a grateful nation." 🇺🇸

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Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford with honored veterans.







**Top:** A Zodiac XL experimental aircraft like the one above was involved in the accident. (Stock photo)

## ***Arkansas Wing Ceremony Turns into Downed Airplane Response***

*by Maj. Blake Sasse, CAP, Arkansas Wing*

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. – In the late afternoon of Oct. 21, 2014, members of Arkansas Wing's 107th Composite Squadron were preparing for a cadet awards ceremony that was to take place that evening in the lobby of the fixed base operator at the Baxter County Regional Airport in Mountain Home, when the FBO's fuel attendant came in and told them that he had just seen a plane go down near the airport. The airplane, a Zodiac XL experimental aircraft, had two men on board when it went down just north of the airport.

Squadron members began a search for the accident site using the CAP van and a personal vehicle. Squadron Commander Capt. Richard Hatton and Lt. Col. Gary Smith began driving on the road that goes around the airport and a radio call went out that was heard by squadron member Capt. Rick Spencer, who was flying near the airport in his personal airplane at an altitude of about 2,700 feet. Hatton and Smith spotted the pilot, who had walked away from the accident site and was attempting to make a cell phone call by the side of the road. Upon the other CAP members' arrival at the site, Cadets Cole Lawrence, Younger Hill, and Colby Welsh used bandages from the van's first aid kit to treat wounds on both the pilot and the passenger.

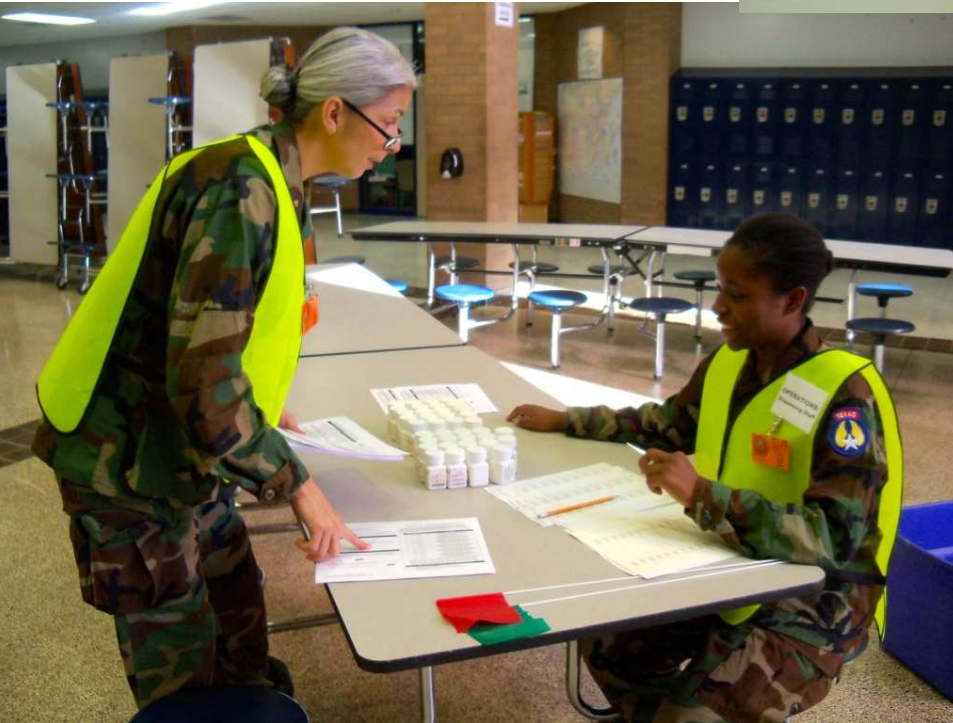
Meanwhile Capt. Spencer, having spotted the accident site from his airplane, directed an Independence County Sheriff's Department helicopter and other emergency services that were responding to the scene, which arrived about 15 minutes after the site had been found. The pilot was transferred to the hospital in Mountain Home and the passenger was sent via helicopter to the hospital in Springfield. Both pilot and passenger have recovered from their injuries. 🇺🇸

**Right:** (L-R) Cadet Airman 1st Class Julissa Borges, an MRC volunteer, Maj. Richard Lauterbach, 1st Lt. Torre LoDolce and a POD training volunteer play their roles in the simulation.

**Below Left:** (L-R) 2nd Lt. Lydia Gates and Cadet Sophia Stewart play their roles.

**Bottom:** Cadets clean up after the exercise ended.

*(Photos: Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP)*



## ***Texas Wing Squadron Trains for the Mission***

*by Cadet Tech Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing*

SUGAR LAND, Texas – On Oct. 18, 2014, CAP volunteers joined Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers to participate in a Medical Point Of Distribution (MPOD) training simulation. The exercise was held at Clements High School with 74 participants. Volunteers included staff and students from the high school as well as Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and MRC members.

MRC – a national network of volunteers serving their local communities – organized the exercise and invited CAP to

participate. The purpose of MRC is to respond to threats to public health. For the simulation, volunteers demonstrated procedures to be taken in the event of an anthrax outbreak in the local area, and the steps to be taken when people arrive for treatment.

Participants were split into smaller groups so that they could perform various tasks such as crowd control, dispensing or stocking supplies, and other logistic functions. After preparing the school building and grounds for the exercise, placing signs, and finalizing individual's positions in the activity, the teams and trainees were ready for the arrival of "victim" role-players.

The exercise organizers and role-players proved adept at creating odd situations and unusual behaviors to simulate real problems that might arise in real life. CAP members learned how to participate in teams and deal with these situations in an organized and efficient manner. The simulation provided a valuable hands-on learning experience for everyone. 🇺🇸







(Photo: S. M. Reggie Johns, CAP)

### ***Arkansas Wing Cadets Participate in Veterans Day Parade***

*by Senior Member Reggie Johns, CAP, Arkansas Wing*

TEXARKANA, Ark. – On Nov. 10, 2014, cadets from Arkansas Wing's 95th Composite Squadron marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade.

Pictured from left to right are Cadet Tech Sgt. Coy Nickerson, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Samantha "Sam" Bell, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Resendiz, Cadet Airman Holleigh Amacker, and Cadet Airman Nate Johns. 🇺🇸





## ***Arizona's Anthem Rockets Fly High – ACE Kickoff Event***

*by Lt. Col. Pete Feltz, CAP, Arizona Wing*

ANTHEM, Ariz. – On Oct. 20, 2014, the air was filled with excitement as students of all ages gathered at Anthem Aerospace Academy in Anthem, Ariz. to watch the 5th Annual ACE Kickoff event. Anthem is an A+ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) school that offers educational activities to all students to challenge and prepare them for the 21st century while having fun.

For the ACE Kickoff event, students in grades K-8 participated in an activity where each student designed and launched a rubber band-propelled paper airplane.

One winner from each grade level competed to see whose plane could be launched the farthest. Tanner Salerni, an 8th grade student, built a plane that flew the farthest for a total distance of over 120 feet. He exemplified all participants who made their minds rocket to new heights at Anthem Aerospace Academy.

Erica Fewell organized the event, and Ann Ordway, DVUSD Governing Board president, was notable for cheering on all students. Anthem Principals Deb Roets and Aimee Fleming continued their support of all staff and students. 🇺🇸





**Top:** The US Navy's Blue Angels in action. *(All photos: Cadet Master Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP)*

### ***Wings Over Houston Airshow***

*by Cadet Master Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing*

WEBSTER, Texas – On Nov. 1-2, 2014, across a clear blue sky, planes performed aerobatics and stunts above Ellington Field. A stunning scene captivated everyone as the 30th annual Wings Over Houston Airshow took place. Sponsored by the Commemorative Air Force, a wide range of civilian, sport, commercial and military aircraft gathered to celebrate and demonstrate the excitement and achievements of aerospace and pilot training.



**Left:** Volunteers work at the 147th Civil Engineer Squadron booth. (L-R) Cadet Airman 1st Class Destiny Suobite, Cadet Master Sgt. Faith Marquez, 2d Lt Gary Fourie, and Cadet 1st Lt Kyler Hearn.

**Below:** A bombing demonstration.

Thunderbird Composite Squadron members supported the event by volunteering throughout the weekend to work at the snack booth operated by the 147th Civil Engineering Squadron, an Air National Guard unit stationed at

Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.

"Soda, Snacks, Water! Everything a Dollar!" the CAP cadets chanted to passersby. The volunteers enjoyed helping at the booth while taking turns to visit the other venues at the event.

"It's a time when grade and position don't matter too much, just selling food and drinks and having fun," said Cadet 1st Lt. Kyler Hearn. The booth raised money for the 147th Civil Engineer Squadron for promotion ceremonies, retirement ceremonies and other squadron-sponsored events.

Managing the booth was Larry Petit, a full-time civil engineer who has enjoyed volunteering at the air show and booth for the past four years.

"I love working with the volunteers!" he said. "I love to see the look of joy and happiness when they see their first air show."

The event showcased many aeronautical wonders and vehicles. The Shockwave Jet truck moving at speeds over 300 miles per hour, the Vietnam demonstration, Radio Controlled (RC) aircraft, and the soaring U.S. Navy's Blue Angels were only a handful of the day's action at Wings Over Houston.

Second Lt Gary Fourie, this year's supervisor of the cadet volunteers, best summed it all up, "It was the first time I had the opportunity to attend an air show. The simulated dogfights and bombing runs were extremely realistic, and the aerobatic maneuvers performed by the Navy's Blue Angels team and other pilots were absolutely spectacular. More important, our cadets who were working at the concession stand did a great job. They were friendly, polite, and enthusiastic, worked extremely hard and truly displayed the CAP Core Values. I am very proud of them and feel privileged to be a member of Thunderbird Squadron."

Wings Over Houston was a truly memorable event. 🇺🇸





**Right:** Col. Richard Toliver, USAF (Ret.), talks about the price that must be paid for freedom.

**Below:** Cadet Tech. Sgt. Mark K. Chappell stands guard at the POW-MIA table. (Photos: Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP)

## ***New Mexico Church Reaches Out to Veterans for Third Year in a Row***

*by Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Oct. 19, 2014, Albuquerque's Hoffmantown Church thanked the men and women of the military during its third annual Military Appreciation Dinner. Hoffmantown's senior associate pastor, Chris Branan, the director of Hoffmantown's Military Ministry, is also a Civil Air Patrol major and New Mexico Wing's Director of Administration and Personnel Officer.

Cadets from Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron posted the colors, and also posted a cadet guard at the POW-MIA table in honor of those members taken prisoners of war or reported missing in action. Before dinner was served, New Mexico Cabinet Secretary for Veterans Affairs Timothy Hale, a retired Air Force colonel, led a brief ceremony in remembrance of all POWs and MIAs.

Entertainment and special music consisted of a medley of patriotic songs – "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)," "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," and a special solo performance of "God Bless the U.S.A." – ending with the service songs of each of the five armed forces: Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines. Members of each of the services were invited to stand and sing their service song while it was being played.

The night's guest speaker was Col. Richard "Dick" Toliver, USAF (Ret.), who trained with the Tuskegee Airmen, and who joined the Air Force in 1965, at the height of the Civil Rights movement.

Aware of the irony of an African-American defending his country's freedom at a time when his country would not even let his family stay in the hotel in town, Toliver remembered what the Airmen taught him: freedom isn't free.

"We've forgotten the price that has been paid for our freedom and for our country," he said. "We had a duty to stand up for our country and its services, and never let her down.

Senior pastor Erik Christensen thanked the guests for their attendance. The pastors and elders also gave out commemorative challenge coins in honor of the occasion to any veteran who wanted one.

At evening's end, the squadron's color guard retired the colors. 🇺🇸





## ***Louisiana Wing Squadron Makes Presentation to Middle School Students***

*by 1st Lt. Joshua Bass, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

BOSSIER CITY, La. – On Dec. 16, 2014, Cadet Maj. Matthew Pourteau, Cadet Capt. Andrew Koepnick and Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Jacob Bass, all members of the Barksdale Composite Squadron, presented a slideshow to the entire 8th grade class at Elm Grove Middle School entitled "The Barksdale Civil Air Patrol Experience". In all, 200 students saw the presentation. The cadets were supervised by 1st Lt. Joshua Bass, CAP.

Cadets and senior members developed the presentation while traveling to and from a SAREX in Baton Rouge. Within 10 hours, the presentation included all aspects of cadet life and all three of CAP's congressionally-mandated missions. The presentation, including commentary, was timed to be 45 minutes long, so as to span a single classroom period. In Bossier Parish Schools, 8th graders take a class called "Journey to Careers," in which they learn of opportunities in the workplace and get guidance to help them get on track to a career and/or college. Every class of approximately 30 students attended the presentation during that class period for the day.

Students learned what CAP can do for the community, state and nation, as well as each of them individually. In addition to the presentation, cadets took along pictures of squadron activities and literature with squadron contact information. Audience response was very positive.

Students took along a lot of materials, and afterwards the squadron noticed that the students are viewing the squadron Facebook page. Unit members are optimistic that many new visitors will come with membership applications in hand early in 2015. Being allowed the privilege to address the students is a great way to inform the community about CAP and its missions. The response from school staff was also overwhelming. One teacher turned out to have been a former CAP cadet and kept his framed Earhart Award hanging at the school.

The squadron plans to make many more presentations to middle schools in the area during the coming months. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Squadron Commander Capt. Jerry Barron presents the year-in-review at the banquet.

**Below:** Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Macks Prewitt accepts the position of the squadron's new cadet commander and receives a new flag to be flown during his tenure. (All photos: Capt. Kelly Castillo, CAP)

## ***Texas Wing Squadron Holds its Annual Holiday Banquet***

*by Capt. Kelly Castillo, CAP, Texas Wing*



MESQUITE, Texas – On Dec. 9, 2014, the Black Sheep Composite Squadron celebrated their annual Holiday Banquet at the Lakeside Activity Center in Mesquite, Texas.

The event recognized several senior members and cadets with promotions and awards.

Rookie of the Year award went to 2nd Lt. Michael Shoaf. Senior Member of the Year went to Maj. Raymond Hicks.

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**Left:** Capt. Jerry Barron presents the previously-flown U.S. Flag to Cadet 2nd Lt. Blake Bolluyt as he transferred command to the new cadet commander.

**Below:** Cadet 2nd Lt. Blake Bolluyt (right) is thanked by the squadron cadets before his departure to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

The Cadet Male and Female Members of the Year went to Cadet Nathan Smith and Cadet Staff Sgt. Kailey Bolluyt, respectively. Cadet Rookie of the Year was Cadet Airman Basic Aspen Gustafson.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Macks Prewitt became the new cadet commander, and Cadet Tech Sgt. Logan Welsh is now the new flight Sgt.

Maj. Raymond Hicks presented the Squadron with the Aerospace Education Excellence Award (AEX) for the fourth year in a row. Maj. Hicks was also presented the Gill Robb Wilson Award. This is the highest CAP professional development award that a senior member can achieve in Civil Air Patrol. He acknowledged his success to teamwork within the squadron.

A new U.S. Flag was presented to the new cadet commander, Cadet Master Sgt. Macks Prewitt. This flag will fly over the squadron for the term of his tenure as cadet commander. Following a squadron tradition, the U.S. Flag that was previously flown during every meeting was presented to the outgoing cadet commander, Cadet 2nd Lt. Blake Bolluyt, who will be departing for United States Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas on Jan. 7, 2015.

Squadron Commander Capt. Jerry Barron presented a length Year in Review that included, among other activities, serving a pancake breakfast at the Terrell Fly-In, marching in the Veterans Day Parade, laying wreaths at servicemen and women's gravesites during Wreaths Across America at DFW National Cemetery, holding several open houses, starting geocaching, receiving the Texas Wing Ground Team of the Year award, sending a cadet to glider academy, going on backpacking trips with senior members and cadets, building and launching rocket of all kinds, and participating in numerous cadet activities and search and rescue missions.

Squadron cadets also attended the annual 2014 LoneStar Emergency Services Academy in Big Sandy, Texas to hone their search and rescue and radio communications skills.

In 2014, the squadron received a Cessna 182 as their search and rescue aircraft. The previous plane (a Cessna 172) was transferred to the Waco Composite Squadron in Waco, Texas for safekeeping and flying. And in April, 2014, Capt. Jerry Barron accepted the position of squadron commander.

In 2015, the squadron will keep itself very busy and productive. They will remain always vigilant in areas of emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. 🇺🇸





## **Arizona Wing's Squadron Reviews Cadet Program Performance**

*by Cadet Lt. Col. Meghan Parsons, CAP, Arizona Wing*


SEDONA, Ariz. – Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. These are Civil Air Patrol's three missions, and as 2014 draws to a close it is good practice to review the year's progress and see what can be improved in 2015. Verde Valley Composite Squadron is no different, and their cadet program had a very productive year.

Recruiting and retention were a primary focus, as the squadron started January 2014 with six cadets in the unit. A steady increase through word of mouth and outstanding community outreach has more than doubled the squadron's cadet program to its current level of 14 cadets.

A major part of retaining new cadets is encouraging them to participate in orientation flights, a benefit Squadron 205 has been very active in offering. Cadet Airman Audrey Schneider, who joined the squadron in February 2014, has already completed all her powered flights, and is looking forward to completing all her glider flights in the new year.

Cadet advancement is another outstanding way to ensure a successful cadet program. The squadron has four cadet NCOs and two cadet officers to lead and train new cadets. During the fall, there were some command changes as Cadet 1st Lt. Tyler Melton was joined by Cadet Lt. Col. Jessica Parsons as the squadron's new cadet commander. Cadet Staff Sgt. Violette Garza is serving as the squadron's cadet flight sergeant, using her knowledge of aerospace history in teaching the cadets. Together, they will improve the cadet program and nurture cadets into achieving greater strength of character through leadership and aerospace training.

During 2014, Squadron 205 has done much community service such as helping the local clubhouse where they meet weekly set up for various events throughout the year. In addition, they participated in Wreaths Across America and in FAA training hosted by the local airport. These and other initiatives have contributed to greater cadet morale and esprit-de-corps at the Verde Valley Composite Squadron.

Verde Valle's senior staff's support, advice, mentoring, leadership and encouragement were key elements in the squadron's cadet program improvement. Included in this team are Deputy Commander for Cadets Maj. Patrick Nixon, Activities Officer Capt. Jean-Marie Nixon and Leadership Officer 2nd Lt. David Hollis. 

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**Right:** (L-R) Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Tyler Melton and Cadet Airman Basic Aaron Melton at Wreaths Across America. (Photo: Maj. Patrick Nixon, CAP)

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**Top:** Texas Wing Cadets learn water survival techniques. (Photo: 1st Lt. Pamela Branum, CAP, Texas Wing)

### ***Texas Wing Members Learn Water Survival Techniques***

*by Maj Alyson White, CAP, Texas Wing*

HOUSTON – On Aug. 23, 2014, nineteen cadet members of Thunderbird Composite Squadron jumped in and learned about water survival techniques at the Champions Park Neighborhood Pool.

Emergency Services is one of the three Civil Air Patrol missions. CAP conducts 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions for missing aircraft in the U.S., as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies, and these missions might involve aerial reconnaissance over bodies of water. When operating in a coastal region, it is one of the qualification requirements that CAP pilots and air crews be trained in water survival in the case that an emergency landing over water becomes necessary.

While cadets under age 18 cannot take part in air missions, all of them do conduct ground team practice missions near water and can be around water in their everyday life. An important skill for youth is to know what to do should they find themselves in a water survival situation.

The CAP basic water survival course is based on the course taught by the U.S. Army. The cadets completed several tasks in order to receive either a Basic Water Survival Certificate or an Advanced Water Survival Certificate.

The tasks completed were a 50-meter swim, treading water, simulation of stepping off a high surface, buddy rescues, and the dead-man float. Cadets also learned techniques of how to use their clothing to stay afloat in an emergency and to avoid sun exposure. These are critical skills that they might need at some point in their lifetime. 🇺🇸





**Left:** Spirit Squadron's radio-controlled aircraft takes to the skies.

**Below:** Cadet Airman First Class Ethan Ladino at the controls. (Photos: Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Juana R. Fox, CAP)

## ***New Mexico Squadron Places Second in Wing RC Aircraft Competition***

*by 1st Lt. Mary A. Fox, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Sept. 27, 2014, Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron competed with four other squadrons in the New Mexico Wing Radio Controlled (RC) Aircraft Competition that was held at Hardin Field, Kirtland Air Force Base. Other units included the Eagle Cadet Squadron, Las Cruces Composite Squadron, Los Alamos Composite Squadron and Santa Fe Composite Squadron.

Spirit Squadron's RC aircraft team consisted of Cadet Airman 1st Class Ethan Ladino as lead cadet, along with Cadet Tech. Sgts. Joseph Burkett and Mark Chappell and Cadet Airman Zachary Best. Senior support was provided by Lt. Col. John Ladino, 2nd Lt. Cael Chappell, senior members Cecilia and Randy Rogers, and parent Arthur Burkett.

The competition judge was 1st Lt. David Braddi from Las Cruces Composite Squadron, an experienced RC aircraft pilot who is active in RC aircraft events.

The first area of competition was flight maneuvers, where each team had to execute a figure-8 between pylons set on the field, a series of left and right turns, and finally landing as close as possible to the judge. First up for Spirit Squadron was Cadet Ladino, who fought 15-mile per hour winds, stabilized the plane and brought Team Spirit to first place with a time of one minute seven seconds. Round Two brought the squadron to second place, losing its first-place standing to Los Alamos, by only one second.

The second area of competition was precision landing. Despite the winds, Cadet Burkett controlled the plane and was able to do a spot landing between lines taped to the ground. At round's the, Spirit Squadron was still in second place, with Los Alamos holding onto the lead. When averaged against other squadrons, Spirit Squadron still had the most consistent flyers, with no crashes on any of the event's four runs.

"We saw this competition not only as aerospace education, but also character development and leadership," said 2nd Lt. Chappell. Notably, Cadet Burkett taught the Eagle Squadron cadets how to fly their aircraft. Lt. Col. Ladino, the senior member lead, praised the cadets for their efforts. "Today was probably the windiest day that we've ever flown in, but the team did well," he said.

The event was made possible by Wing's Internal Aerospace Education Officer Capt. Jane Lingenfelter, who provided planes to each squadron, so all units could participate.

The Spirit team is already planning for the 2015 competition. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Wing Commander Col. Thomas Barnard congratulates Cadet Capt. Franchesca Giroir on her promotion.

**Below:** (L-R) Pontchartrain Composite Squadron Maj. William Hunton thanks World War II Marine Corps veteran Pvt. 1st Class Charles Holdeman for sharing his experiences on Iwo Jima.

*(All Photos: Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP)*

## ***Louisiana Wing Squadron Holds Awards Ceremony***

*by Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

HARAHAN, La – On Oct. 28, 2014, the Pontchartrain Composite Squadron held an Awards Ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Harahan. Louisiana Wing Commander Col. “Doc” Barnard and Pontchartrain Composite Squadron Commander Maj. William Hunton awarded promotion to Cadet Commander Franchesca Giroir who advanced to the rank of Cadet Capt., earning the milestone Amelia Earhart Award. Cadet Capt. Giroir’s mother, Capt. Robin Soroie, put the service coat with the new insignia on the smiling cadet. Cadet Tech Sgt. Andrew Rodrigue was promoted to Cadet Master Sgt.





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**Right:** (L-R) Stacey Rodrigue, Master Sgt. Andrew Rodrigue after his promotion, and Col. Thomas Barnard.

**Below:** (L-R) Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Garrison Garcia receives his National Color Guard ribbon from Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Thomas Barnard.



Pontchartrain's Color Guard won the Louisiana State Color Guard Competition and members were presented with the National Color Guard Award ribbon. Color Guard members earning the award were Cadet 1st Lt. Franchesca Giroir, Cadet Airman 1st Class

Mario Molina, Cadet Tech Sgt. Andrew Rodrigue, and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Garrison Garcia. First Lt. Mike Giroir earned the award as mentor to the Color Guard. Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Thomas "Doc" Barnard told the cadets that they were doing an excellent job. He said, "It may seem that we old folks are running everything now, but in the blink of an eye, *you* will be America."

Keynote speaker for the ceremony was U. S. Marine Corps World War II veteran Charles Holdeman who spoke to the gathering about his experiences and insights as a member of the 23rd Regiment serving in the Pacific Arena at that time. He said that the Japanese on Iwo Jima were dug-in 4-stories deep and shelling did not work. He said that he relived those experiences over and over at night, "Your fellows, these guys, are your brothers, your family." 🇺🇸



## **Guest Editorial**

### **On Veterans Day**

*by Lt. Col. Owen Younger, CAP, Texas Wing*

DALLAS – In past years I've shared with the veterans I know the observation that through an accident of history there are three significant events that occur in the month of November, giving us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the quality of our way of life in the United States. In a happy irony I believe very strongly that all three of these events are closely related.

The most obvious November event is the Thanksgiving Day holiday, which is just a few days more than two weeks from the date of this writing. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for us to take stock of our lives and reflect on the blessings of liberty that we have inherited from those who came before us. There is so much that is amazing in our day-to-day lives that it is easy to take it for granted, but I try very hard not to.

When I turn on my kitchen faucet there is clean water that is safe to drink. When I drive to work each morning the roads are safe and well maintained, and the cars around me on the highway are all subject to rigorous safety standards that protect us all. The economy that supports America's work force is strong, and that helps preserve our place in the world. All around me are the signs that life in America is amazing and that we have it better than not only most other places in the world but also better than at any time in history. Indeed, we have much to be thankful for.

A less obvious event that should make us pause for reflection is election day. While I admit that sometimes we may be disappointed with the outcome after all of the votes are counted, the very fact that our government's control is determined by us the people and that it is transitioned peacefully from one election cycle to another is a testament of our national commitment to the rule of law and to government of, by, and for the people. Consider that in other parts of the world the peaceable conveyance of governmental power is simply inconceivable. Even more amazing is that America has been doing business this way for nearly 240 years.

The third event I refer to is, of course, Veteran's Day. And I address this one last because I consider it to be the cornerstone of the other two events – we could not have free elections without a military to defend us, and without the blanket of freedom we are provided by our military we would have little to celebrate on any Thanksgiving Day.

You, the veterans of military service, raised your right hand and swore to defend us against all enemies and to keep us safe.

Some might say that America has become a superpower through an accident of geography or because we were just lucky. I suppose it's true that the vagaries of history might have changed many things about how our nation grew from its small beginning and developed into what it is today, but the truth is that we have succeeded because we had a better system than anything that came before it. We valued the individual, we said that a government's just power could only come from the consent of those being governed, and we said that the best ideas and the hardest work should be rewarded.

When first put forth, the ideas above were truly revolutionary, but we made them work. And over the last two centuries whenever foreign forces threatened those beliefs, you our veterans stood up and answered the call. Government of, by, and for the people could not exist without you, and would not have existed were it not for the millions who came before you, who served before any of us was born. Your service in peacetime and in war has been the guarantee that America would not perish from the earth.

Thank you for making Election Day and Thanksgiving Day possible.

On this Veteran's Day, I take time to remember how much we owe to so very few. 🇺🇸



## ***How the Southwest Region Public Affairs Awards Program Works***

Starting with the Jan., 2013 issue of The Fly-By, by directive of Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank A. Buethe, the region will recognize contributions to The Fly-By as follows:

1. A SWR **CAP Achievement Award** for article publication on three different issues of The Fly-By. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.
2. A SWR **Commander's Commendation Award** for article publication on an additional six different issues. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.

Region will issue the certificate and send it to the winner's unit at the first available opportunity. The award certificate will be presented at the first available opportunity.

### ***How to Make Submissions Suitable for Publication***

Since The Fly-By is posted on the SWR website, it is an external communication. Therefore, as required by CAPR 190-1, Sec. 7.b.(7), articles must be written in Associated Press Style. If a submission that is not in AP Style is selected for publication, it will be edited to this standard. (NHQ/PA has been using AP Style for all external communications since 2005.)

AP Style is defined in the Associated Press Stylebook (available at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org)). For a brief summary, please see "Associated Press Style in a Nutshell," overleaf.

"Article" is defined as a narrative that:

- Is written in AP Style;
- Answers the questions Who, What, When, Where, and Why, and preferably also How;
- Has one or more quotes from participants, with attribution;
- Has two or more digital photos attached (not embedded in the text), with appropriate cutlines (photo captions). An article submitted without digital photos that is selected for publication will count as a half-credit. For full credit, it must have accompanying photos.

### ***General advice on writing a good article***

- Get all the facts right, stick to the facts, and do not use hearsay or express opinion.
- Take good digital photos.
  - Do not use digital zoom, or else your photos will lack good focus and definition;
  - Take "action shots" of people doing something interesting that is material to the article;
  - Make sure everyone is in the correct uniform and you identify all.
  - **Note:** Good photos are essential to add immediacy and flavor to the story.
- Get good quotes.
  - Ask participants for their opinion;
  - Get full grade, name, position title and unit of assignment for each quote.
  - Get the individual's consent to publish the quote as recorded (read it back).
  - **Note:** Getting quotes is how you get to express opinion, and get your readers to share the experience that you are writing about.
- Write in good, idiomatic, unadorned English.
  - Do not "pad" your sentences, such as saying "due to the fact that" when "because" will do;
  - Avoid trite expressions, such as "it goes without saying" – if it does, don't say it;
  - Avoid colloquial expressions;
  - Do not write in acronyms – always define the first instance, such as "Federal Aviation Administration" before you use FAA;
  - No nicknames – unless famous, such as "Ike" for Pres. Dwight E. Eisenhower. 🇺🇸

## ***Associated Press Style in a Nutshell***

Below are the most important rules to keep in mind when writing in AP Style

- Write the title in normal English-language capitalization. Never all in caps.
- Add your byline below the article title
- Do not format the text in the article (only exceptions are: bullet comments and numbered paragraphs in a section that details a process or sequence).
- Do not indent the first line of a paragraph.
- Use AP Style rules for punctuation.
- Single space the article. At the end of each paragraph, execute two end-of lines (Enter key).
- Do not introduce artificial paragraphing by hitting the Enter key at the end of each line in your article. Instead, let the text wrap naturally and tap two Enter keys at the end of the paragraph.
- Use only a single space after a period.
- Insert a dateline at the beginning of the article, following AP Style rules.
- Answer the 5Ws: Who, What, Where, When, Why + the honorary W: How. In writing a CAP article, you will always know the 5Ws.
- Write all dates in AP style.
- Do not use postal codes instead of state abbreviations (not OK but Okla., not NM but N.M.) but some states have no abbreviation, such as Texas.
- Write all military grades in AP Style.
- Write the article in the third person singular.
- Express no opinion.
- To express opinion, use one or more quotes of qualified sources – always get the quoted person's permission to include the quote, unless it is a matter of record (printed article or recorded audio-visual). Get the quoted person's grade, name, job title and organization.
- Never self-quote.
- Identify all persons by grade or title, name, job title if material, and organization.
- Never refer to a young person as "kid."
- When a young person is a CAP cadet, never use "boy," "girl" or "child" but identify each one by grade, full name (or last name only – never first name only), and unit of assignment.
- Never use "their" for the possessive of a singular subject, such as, "the cadet took their meal."
- Avoid the abbreviations i.e. and e.g. You may know what each one means, and the Latin words they represent, but most people confuse the two. Be clear. Write in English and leave Latin and non-English to scholars.
- Refer to CAP members by grade, name, duty position and unit of assignment. Never by first name.
- On second or subsequent references, use only the last name, except when there are two persons with the same last name, in which case the use of both first and last name is preferred (never just the first names).
- In the case of CAP or military commanders or higher ranking senior members, on second reference use the grade and last name.
- Do not use Lt. as a grade. Lt. is a mode of address. The correct grade may be 2nd Lt. or 1st Lt., but never Lt. The Navy is the only service that has the grade of Lt.
- Do not use exclamation marks, as doing so expresses opinion.
- Use simple declarative sentences.
- Avoid the passive voice.
- Remember the good rules of English grammar and syntax, and follow them.
- **For best results**, buy the latest copy of the Associated Press Stylebook, available at a modest cost at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org) – read it, study it, know it, and use it. 📖